

METAL / NONMETAL

Serious Injury Accident

Surface Crushed, Broken Traprock – Highwall failure occurred trapping the miner inside an excavator. EMS crew was able to remove the remaining cab and extricate the injured miner. The miner was transported to a local hospital and was treated for his injuries.



Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures for working near highwalls. Identify and control all hazards.
- Train all persons to recognize adverse conditions and environmental factors that can decrease highwall stability and understand safe job procedures to eliminate all hazards before beginning work.
- Look, Listen and Evaluate pit and highwall conditions daily, especially after each rain, freeze, or thaw.
- Remove loose or overhanging material from the face. Correct hazardous conditions by working from a safe location.
- Ensure that work or travel areas and equipment are a safe distance from the toe of the highwall

